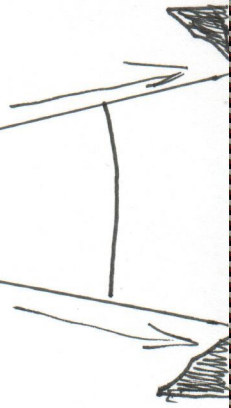


The "cone" on the engine intake of the SR-71 Blackbird supersonic jet is there to "break" the air that's being compressed in a shock wave in front of the engine, slowing it down so it can enter the engine and compress without properly damaging it.



When you think "pirate voice", you're thinking of this guy:

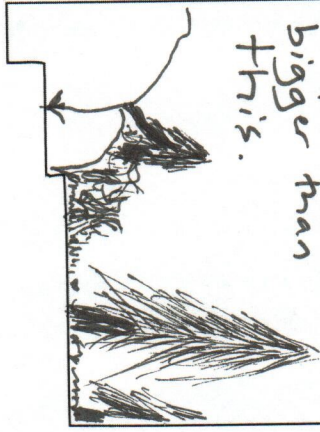


Robert Newton's "West Country" accent in his portrayal of Long John Silver basically became the stereo-typical "pirate voice" we know today.

"I do not fear death. I had been dead for billions and billions of years before I was born, and had not suffered the slightest inconvenience from it."

- Mark Twain

Thomas Vose, 5/28/22

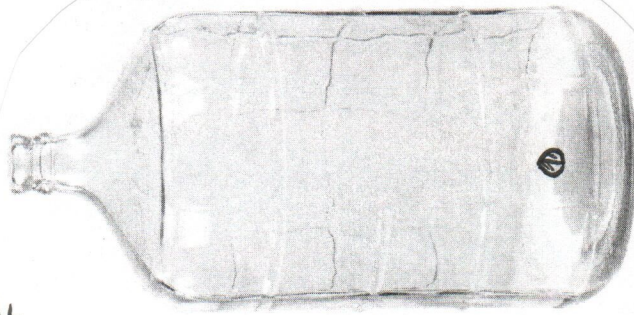


If you squeezed all of our national parks together, they would be bigger than this.

To survive an avalanche - "swim" as best you can on the surface.



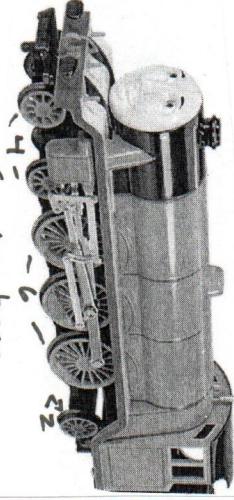
When it goes over you, keep one arm pointed straight up - that way you know which way to dig.



It takes about five gallons of water to grow a single walnut. (70% of water used world-wide goes to crops)

Railroads classify locomotives based on "Whyte notation" - 3 numbers:

(Leading (Driving (Trailing wheels) wheels))



Gordon here would be a 4-6-2.  
(Thomas is a 0-6-0.)